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Applicants: SHUSTER et al.

Art Unit: 2154

Serial No.: 09/648,474

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Title: METHOD, APPARATUS AND SYSTEM
FOR HOSTING INFORMATION EXCHANGE
GROUPS ON A WIDE AREA NETWORK

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated December 4, 2003, or until April 5, 2004 (the first business day following April 4, 2004).

Enclosed is a check for \$55.00 to pay the one-month extension fee in accordance with Rule 1.17(a)(1).

The Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge any amount due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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